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1. AT INVITATION OF EBOGRAD PUBLIC (BP), ADMINCOUNS AND EMBOFF RESPONSIBLE FOR CSCE JOINED REPS OF OTHER CSCE PARTICIAPATING EMBASSIES IN TOUR OF CONFERENCE CENTER MAY 23. WORK INCLUDING INTERIOR DECORATION APPEARED ESSENTIALLY COMPLETE AND CENTER WILL BE READY TO HOUSE CSCE JUNE 15 PREP MTG. SEATING ARRANGEMENT IN MAIN HALL WILL PERMIT EACH DELEGATION TWO AT TABLE AND TWO IMMEDIATELY BEHIND. THERE IS SOME GALLERY SPACE AS WELL. SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION WILL BE PROVIDED IN SEVEN LANGUAGES -- ENGLISH,FRENCH, GERMAN, ITALIAN, RUSSIAN, SERBO-CROATIAN AND SPANISH.

2. DURING MEETING FOLLOWING TOUR, BP OFFICIALS ASKED THAT ALL SPACE REQUIREMENTS BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 30. THOSE WHO RENT SPACE AT CENTER WILL BE ABLE TO BEGIN MOVING IN BETWEEN JUNE 5-10. EACH SUITE WILL HAVE CAPACITY FOR HOOKUP OF SEVEN LINES WITH BELGRADE BELL SYSTEM. INSTALLATION OF DIRECT PHONE LINES TO EMBASSIES AND TELETYPE MACHINES WILL BE PERMITTED.

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3. WITH PRICE STRUCTURE STILL DISCOURAGING MANY EMBASSIES FROM RENTING SPACE AT CENTER, OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED THAT RENTALS OF PARTIAL SUITES IS POSSIBLE AND THAT PAYMENT FOR PERIOD BETWEEN PREP AND SUBSTANTIVE MTGS WILL NOT BE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO OBTAIN LONGEVITY DISCOUNTS, AS LONG AS SPACE IS VACATED. OFFICIALS INSISTED THAT PRICES COMPARE FAVORABLY WITH OTHER OFFICE

SPACE AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL IN BELGRADE. RECENT NEWSPAPER ARTICLES HERALDING COMPLETION OF CENTER STATED THAT PRICES COMPARED FAVORABLY WITH THOSE IN GENEVA, WITHOUT DRAWING OTHER COMPARISONS BETWEEN THE TWO.

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